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FORTUNE.

HER GOLD SOVEREIGNS.

Have you lost \$10 in shining
gold sovereigns?

If so, you have a week in which
to prove your claim at the Central
Police Station.

A Chinese widow, 67 years of
age, was arrested in Pedder Street
yesterday, outside Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., by
a plain-clothes constable, for beg-
ging from a European gentleman
who was with two ladies.

When searched at Central, she
had no money whatever, except
the \$10, hidden away in her
girdle. One of the coins was
taken to be changed to provide
her ball in the sum of \$10.

This morning, she denied the
charge. Major C. Wilson im-
posed a fine of \$5. She told His
Worship that the fortune was
handed to her, for safe keeping,
by the godmother of her dead son.
His Worship, disbelieved her
story. He ordered the remaining
\$5 to be kept in police custody for
a week to see if any applicant
would be forthcoming. Other-
wise, the woman gets it back
minus the \$5 fine.

THE "535's."

U.S. SENATE REFUSES DOLLAR BID.

ADMIRAL LINE BOATS.

Further developments are re-
ported in connection with the
ownership of the five "Admiral
Line" ("President" boats)—the
American "535's"—which call re-
gularly at Hongkong.

The "Manila Bulletin" of April
21 says:

Charging that the Shipping
Board has failed to open a higher
bid than the accepted one, of \$4,-
500,000 made by the Dollar inter-
ests, for the five Admiral-Oriental
liners, operating between Seattle
and the Far East, the Senate yes-
terday unanimously adopted a
resolution calling for the rejec-
tion of the Dollar bid by the
Shipping Board.

The resolution, which was in-
troduced by Senator McNary, re-
publican, Oregon, said, "If Dollar
obtains the line, the Dollar inter-
ests would have a monopoly of the
shipping in the Pacific, and that
they would operate the line to the
detriment of the North-west, as
their interests are in California."

The "United Press" says the
Shipping Board has delayed con-
summation of the sale and is
awaiting a ruling from the De-
partment of Justice as to whether
the Senate resolution compels the
Board to advertise once more for
bids. The ruling is expected
within the next few days. If the
right of the Senate to intervene in
the Shipping Board's actions is
upheld, the recent decision to
accept the Dollar bid becomes null
and void.

What The Law Says.

However, according to Section
5 of the Shipping Act of 1920, as
amended in 1922, the Shipping
Board is authorised and directed
to sell vessels as soon as practicable,
consistent with good business
methods, at public or private
competitive sale after appre-
ciable, and due advertisement,
to persons who are citizens
of the United States. Such sale
shall be made at such prices and
on such terms and conditions as
the Shipping Board may pre-
scribe.

Local Share Values.

You will note amongst the
assets the amount of \$420,809.51
under the heading of investments,
against which the market quota-
tion is given as \$322,520.00. The
discrepancy between the book
value of these investments and
the market quotation is occasioned
by the situation from which we,
as well as all other Hongkong
companies, are suffering. Your
directors have not recommended
that these investments be depre-
ciated by reason of the fact that
they feel that the market quota-
tion ruling at the end of February
last (that being the end of your
company's financial year), was
only a nominal one, and under
prevailing circumstances, no fair
valuation of such investments
can be made. Moreover, the
amount shown under general re-
serve is more than ample to cover
the difference mentioned.

Stocks have been estimated at

LEAPS & BOUNDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.'S PROSPECTS.

OUR SPENDING POWER.

Hopes were expressed by a
shareholder this morning that
when Messrs. Lane Crawford, Ltd., moved into their new premises
in Exchange Building, their business would increase by leaps and bounds.

In reviewing last year's activi-
ties, the chairman (Mr. A. S. D.
Cousland) expressed an opinion
that the Colony's spending power
had been impaired.

The occasion was the 4th annual
ordinary general meeting of the
company.

Mr. Cousland was supported by
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. Chan
Tong, (directors), Mr. R. L.
Brider, Mr. F. M. Ward and
Mr. W. A. Eustace (managing
directors) and Mr. A. W. Brown
(acting secretary). Shareholders
present were Messrs.—A Abbas,
D. M. Goodall, H. A. Jones, H. W.
Randall, H. E. Scriven and
Stevenson.

Abnormal Bad Debts.

Addressing the meeting, the
chairman said:

Gentlemen.—The report and
accounts have been in your hands
for the prescribed period, and I
will, therefore, with your permission,
take them as read.

The net profit for the year,
after making due allowances for
depreciation and bad and doubtful
debts, is \$15,800.45, which added
to the balance brought forward
from last year, viz.: \$24,192.93,
makes the amount of \$39,994.38
available for distribution. This
amount your directors propose
should be allocated as follows:

To pay a dividend of 30 cents
per share, absorbing \$37,500.00.
And to carry forward to a
new account, \$2,494.38.

That, gentlemen, I think satisfies
you.

Good Service To Public.

"During the past year your
company has again been able to
render exceptional service to the
community of Hongkong. In June
last, when the strike was at its
height, we were successful in deal-
ing with the problem of food sup-
plies for the European population.

The new machinery in your
bakery thoroughly upheld the
opinion which your directors had
previously formed of its efficiency,
and, in consequence, we were not
only able to supply the community
of Hongkong (including hos-
pitals), but also care for the
wants of Shameen, as well as
several small warships which had
not their own facilities for bread-
making.

When They Move.

Another point which calls for
some comment is the amount of
depreciation written off. In the
very near future we shall move
into new premises, and with this
in view, fixtures and fittings have
been heavily depreciated, to make
allowance for those which will
have to be discarded on moving.

On the credit side of the profit
and loss account it will be noticed
that the comparatively small
amount of \$64,040.02 only is
brought forward from working
account. As compared with last
year, this shows a big drop, and
is occasioned wholly by the fact
that the company was unable to
do its usual turnover. It is ob-
vious that the Colony in general
has not the same spending power
it has enjoyed in previous
years, and in business like ours
such a state of affairs is imme-
diately reflected in our turnover.

This year, no interest from
investments appears in our profit
and loss account, which brings me
to inform you that your com-
pany's cash position, together
with its banking facilities, is
ample to deal with the financial
part of the question without worry
to the management.

Best In Far East.

It is early yet for me to give
you any idea of what your new
store will be like, but I am sure
I am correct in informing you
that when the move has been
accomplished, and the new
premises are ready for business,
you will own what will probably
be the finest departmental store
in the Far East.

I now beg to formally propose
that the report and accounts of
the company for the financial year
ending February 28, 1926, (in-
cluding the apportionment re-

commended by the directors at
the meeting indicated) as presented
be adopted, and I shall be obliged
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second such proposal, whereupon
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WHITE STAR LINE.

CASH OFFER MADE BY BRITISH INTERESTS.

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 23.

A cash offer for the White Star
Line has been received from cer-
tain British interests.

It will be considered at a special
meeting of the Directors of the Inter-
national Mercantile Marine
Corporation to-day.

cost price and depreciated where- ever necessary.

The Dividend.

My predecessor, in his speech
last year, when calling attention
to the dividend paid, i.e., \$1.25 per
share as against \$1.00 in the pre-
vious year, mentioned that your
directors had recommended the
dividend, as they were, of the
opinion that (in the absence of
any unforeseen adverse circum-
stances) that figure should be
maintained from year to year.

It is with regret that your
directors found themselves unable
to recommend the same dividend
this year, but I think that you
will agree with me that adverse
circumstances have this year
occurred.

With a return to normal trading
conditions, your directors see no
reason why the future of the
company should not be as pros-
perous as it has been in the past.

That, gentlemen, I think satisfies
you.

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several small warships which had
not their own facilities for bread-
making.

Groceries and provisions were distributed by your main and Peak stores, and I am happy to inform you that, from several sources, appreciation has been expressed regarding the way in which the distribution was organ- ised.

"More Pleasant" Future.

Our thanks are due to our
European staff for the hard work
done by them during those times,
and also to those of our Chinese
staff who loyally worked on in
the face of intimidation.

I will now proceed to something
which, I venture to feel, is much
more pleasant to consider, and
that is the company's future.

I have previously made reference
to the fact that this year we hope
to change into new premises. These
will be situated in the new
Exchange Building when completed.
The change, with its accompaniment
of a certain amount of new fixtures and fit-
tings, will, of course, occasion extra capital outlay, but I am able to
inform you that your company's cash position, together with its banking facilities, is ample to deal with the financial part of the question without worry to the management.

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ELECTION OFF!

SANITARY BOARD VOTERS' LISTS.

THE CAUSE FOR DELAY:

"Colonial Secretary's Department
Notices No. 217.—It is hereby
notified that Government Notifica-
tion No. 204 of 18th April, 1926,
concerning the election of a Mem-
ber of the Sanitary Board is cancelled."

This is all that the current
issue of the "Hongkong Govern-
ment Gazette" says about the
election.

On inquiry from the Supreme
Court, a "China Mail" reporter
was assured that the election
would certainly be held at a
later date. The change had been
necessary, it is thought, because
it had been deemed advisable to
prepare a complete list of those
entitled to vote.

As is well known, those whose
names are on the jurors' list, have
the right to vote. Then, of course,
there are the exempted persons
mentioned in the Ordinance. If a
list of these is compiled, then the
candidates (Dr. F. M. Graca
Ozorio and Dr. S. C. Ho) and
everybody

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager:
Hongkong, 7th January, 1926.

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HEAD OFFICE: 6, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

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A. LECOT,
Manager:
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Deposits received for fixed periods have to be obtained at:

O. ASAMA,
Manager:
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Authorised Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid up \$20,000,000
Reserve Funds \$20,000,000
Sterling £4,500,000
Silver \$27,000,000

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CANTON PRODUCTS.

TO BE AT PHILADELPHIA EXHIBITION.

CHINESE PARTICIPATION.

On Tuesday, the Canton General Chamber of Commerce invited the members of the various associated Chambers of Commerce, and of the Home Products Promotion Association to a joint meeting to discuss the matter of collecting exhibits from the various firms of business for display at the coming Exhibition in Philadelphia.

Over twenty members, of the above-mentioned organisations were present.

Mr. Ma Pak-nim of the General Chamber of Commerce presided. Explaining the object of the meeting, he said:

The date for the Exhibition in Philadelphia has been fixed for June 1. It is well known that our people in Kwangtung province have ever been enthusiastic in sending manufactures for exhibit at any exhibition in any part of the world.

The Philadelphia exhibition authorities have written to request participation.

At present the time is so limited that Canton must find ways to make a collection of the manufacturers in the shortest possible time, in order to send same to Shanghai where all exhibits will be forwarded to America.

Resolutions were passed that the General Chamber of Commerce should inform merchants desirous of sending articles for exhibition, to make list of the manufacturers within a definite time, in order that same might be gathered and forwarded to Shanghai; that the General Chamber of Commerce should look after affairs in connection with the Customs' exemption from payment of duties, and, the date for the shipping of the goods; and that letters should be sent to the Superintendent of Customs and the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, asking them to exempt duties on the article sent for exhibition in accordance with the regulations. It was also stated that the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. had promised to reduce the rate of freight for same.

The ivory, embroidery and woollen goods dealers have already prepared large quantities of articles for exhibit at the exhibition.

MARSHAL FOCH.

REFUSES DICTATORSHIP IN FRANCE.

SIGNIFICANT COMMENT.

London, March 23.

According to some London reports a group of Senators, belonging to the Right Wing of the French Senate, visited Marshal Foch, and sounded him on his willingness to become dictator.

It is understood that Marshal Foch intimated that, having fought the war, he did not want to fight the peace.

The "Matin" significantly remarked: "People in this country are not panic-stricken, but they are becoming tired of political tricksters. They are straining their eyes trying to find a man to lead them out from the present chaos." —Times of Ceylon."

WORLD FLIERS.

SPANISH AVIATORS FOR CANTON?

According to a message received by the Canton Bureau of Foreign Affairs from the Spanish Consulate at Shanghai, it is stated that the Spanish aviators will go to Canton from Manila. The Spanish Consul requested the Nationalist Government to assign a place for their landing and also to supply them with gasoline.

The Nationalist Government upon receiving the above information from the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, ordered that proper courtesy and a hearty welcome be given to the Spanish aviators.



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Dear Sir,

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It will thus be seen that the business will be self acting and automatic throughout. The cats will eat the rats and the rats will eat the cats and we shall have the Manchurian boundaries.

The people of Manchuria, therefore, regard Wang Yung-chiang as something more than a mere individual character; they regard him largely as the manifestation of the principle of peaceful development. If he remains in retirement, it is felt, there may be but little hope of Manchuria's remaining aloof from war and the consequences thereof, whereas, on the other hand, his return to office will be regarded as a token that the Mukden administration intends to embark on an era of peace.

Yours faithfully,

Manager.

P.S.—Eventually we shall cross the cats with snakes and they will skin themselves twice a year, thus saving the men's wages for skinning and also getting two skins from one cat.

The letter, a proper catch, seems to emanate from London. Needless to say, says the "N. C. Daily News," 10 or 20 years ago a group of bankers in a Pacific Northwest city, during a period of wild catting and stock-selling, unheard of before in the vicinity, prepared a circular on just the same plan. Worded it a little more conservatively, with less detail, the bankers broadcast it through the city, posted huge placards on the streets and advertised in the daily press. In the first place, it is rather unusual for a Chinese to give up high office for the mere sake of such a trifling thing as a principle; in the second place, Wang retires without having made money.

Manchurian Independence.

The ex-Governor is a man of about 54, of medium stature, with a long drooping moustache and kindly, intelligent eyes. He answers questions quickly and directly, without circumlocution.

"I do not believe in the independence of Manchuria," he told a foreigner. "Manchuria must be closely connected with the rest of China. It must carry out the decrees of the Peking Government, though, of course, where that government is tinged with Soviet ideas, Manchuria cannot obey such decrees as show such influence."

The Three Eastern Provinces should hold aloof from the fighting in the rest of China. The wishes of the people and their welfare should be the guiding principles in their government.

The people want to carry out the peaceful development of Manchuria so that they may attain prosperity. They are averse to war, and for that reason Manchuria should refrain from sending troops south of the Wall.

"The danger which Manchuria must guard against is that represented by Soviet Russia and its influences. Russia is now handing the Chinese Eastern Railway as if it belonged entirely to her, as if the Chinese were not part owners. The question as to how this may be counteracted was outside my province. It belongs to the jurisdiction of the Kirin Provincial Government. But the question of Soviet propaganda concerns all Manchuria. It is being spread about in two channels, through the soldiers and through the poor classes. I do not believe that there is any danger of military invasion on the part of Russia now or for the next two or three years; but I fear that after that such a danger will arise."

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REFUGE IN IRAQ.

LEADER OF REBELLION AGAINST TURKS.

Bagdad, March 29.

Hatudo, who is reputed to be the leader of the new rebellion against the Turks in Kurdistan, has sent a communication to the Iraq Government praying for refuge for himself and 250 of his followers.

The present whereabouts of Hatudo is not known. He has not crossed the Iraq frontier.

SOVIET INFLUENCE.

REAL DANGER EXPOSED IN MANCHURIA.

EX-GOVERNOR'S ADVICE.

The Mukden correspondent of the "Shanghai Times" writes on March 25:

"Manchuria should keep aloof from the military imbroglio of the rest of China, but should otherwise remain closely connected with the Peking Government; that is, so long as Peking is not swayed by Soviet influence. Manchuria must combat Communism and other Soviet propaganda, but, above all, the Three Eastern Provinces should devote their energies first and foremost to the building of their industries."

This is, in brief, the stand of Wang Yung-chiang, until a few weeks ago Civil Governor of Fengtien province. Wang is now in retirement in his native town of Chinchow, a small walled city north of Dairen, and there, it seems, he intends to remain until his principles are recognised.

Opposes War.

Wang has taken a prominent part in public life in Manchuria during the past twenty years, and held the post of Civil Governor for five years. He shows outstanding ability as a civil administrator and economist, standing firmly for the principle that the welfare of the people of Manchuria must be the first consideration of the "Mukden" administration.

He opposes war as being contrary to the interests of the people and a hindrance to peaceful development. It was because of this that he clashed with the military faction in Mukden, and his opposition to the sending of troops south of the wall led him to resign from office. He speaks well of Marshal Chang Tao-lin, but apparently he regards it as useless to attempt to develop Manchuria so long as the military faction intends to drain the resources of the provinces by carrying on campaigns beyond the Manchurian boundaries.

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Wang Yung-chiang owes his excellent reputation not only to his ability, but also to his honesty. In the first place, it is rather unusual for a Chinese to give up high office for the mere sake of such a trifling thing as a principle; in the second place, Wang retires without having made money.

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THE INNER GOVERNMENT OF THE WORLD.

LOCAL LECTURE.

At this week's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lampeart gave an address on "The Inner Government of the World." He said in brief: The facts as to an Inner Government of the World have been long kept as the most precious secrets in the Ancient Mysteries, but with the progress of evolution and the opportunities of a swifter evolution now dawning for man in the approaching new cycle which shall bring out more the powers of the intuition than those of the intellect—that which was once hidden is now revealed, that it may call forth in the few a new insight into life and give them the guidance and right direction in their determination to give their hearts and souls into the work of furthering "God's plan, which is Evolution." To many this revelation will mean nothing at all because they have not yet reached that point in evolution where they have need and use for it. It is for those only who long to understand in order to justify to the brain the faith which is in their hearts, that a great body of occult knowledge has been revealed to men through the medium of The Theosophical Society. The whole of our Solar system and all it contains is the Self-revelation of the Creator through His Great Minister, the Great Spiritual Being Who is at the Head of it. It is His Life that reveals itself stage by stage and that forms all forms of life and consciousness. An Atom as well as the gigantic Mountain Chain conforms His Life, which is revealed through all, but more of His Life is revealed in our Elder Brothers, the Superhuman Guardians of Humanity Who have attained than in us still bound by the forces of ignorance and illusion. Still, all of us men being embodiments of His Life, we no longer claim more fully than our younger brothers of the Animal creation. In exactly similar way, there are beings higher than man who reveal still more of His Life than can man, and it is they who form the Inner Government of the World. Their existence is confirmed in all the religions of the world, and by those who are able to certify this through the awakened powers of the spirit within these great ones are called variously, the Occult Hierarchy of the World, the Great White Brotherhood, the Community of Saints, etc. Each globe within the Solar System is guided and watched over by a group of these Great Spiritual Beings, through whom as through His Ministers the forces of the Ruler of our Solar System flow.

This Group of Supermen in whom the greater Powers of Divinity have become manifest, constitute the Hierarchy of our globe, and they are not merely an association of Supermen but are a living Body which contains the Life-energies of the Spiritual Ruler of our whole Solar System. With in this Spiritual Hierarchy of our World there are certain grades marked by ten Great Initiations of which four are within the human Kingdom, the fifth being that of the Master of Wisdom, which rises the initiate from the Human to the Superhuman Evolution beyond death and birth. This existence of perfected men is one of the most distinctive and also, one of the most encouraging teachings of Theosophy. The attainment of perfection is a possibility which is certainly lying before every man in the course of his evolution; even to-day and at any given point he may turn his attention to that evolution of his and may hasten it very greatly if he will take it intelligently in hand. Men stand to-day on all rungs of the evolutionary ladder, and this process of evolution does not stop with man. There is a topmost stage which man as a human being can reach in evolution, and there exists a small body of men of all nations who have reached it and even passed beyond it, having entered upon the higher stage of superhuman evolution. They are no longer forced into any incarnation, having learned all the world can teach them. If they take a body it is for the purpose of helping humanity and they take that body where and when they please. In

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The B. L. ss "Bendoran" from Leith, Rotterdam and Antwerp is due to arrive here to-day.

The B. L. ss "Tilawa" left Amoy for this port to-day at a.m. and is due here to-morrow at a.m.

The B. L. ss "Gambhra" left Singapore for this port on April 19 at a.m. and is due here on April 26 at a.m.

The B. L. ss "Bunrech" from Hull, Middlebrough, Rotterdam, Antwerp and London left Singapore for this port yesterday and is due to arrive here on April 27.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" sailed for Manila at 6 p.m. April 22, and is due back here on April 27.

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DEATHS.

SUTTY.—Madame Juvenal Dites
Jeanne Sutty died at the
Matilda Hospital to-day,
(April 24). Funeral will pass
the Monument to-morrow,
(Sunday) at 4 p.m.

MITCHELL.—At Grange Mis-
sionary Home, Colombo, on
April 8, Miss Mary Mitchell,
in her 89th year, after a short
illness.

Hongkong, Saturday, April 24, 1926.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

In the realm of news there is
either a flood or a famine.
Following several colourless weeks,
has come a welcome influx of hap-
penings, both local and otherwise.
In Hongkong pride of place
may pardonably be given to the
opening of the handsome new
building in Queen's Road
for the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, at
which the French Consul spoke in
optimistic terms of the commer-
cial future of the Colony and of
the happy relations always exist-
ing between the French and Brit-
ish peoples. The scandalous con-
ditions prevailing at the beach at
Repulse Bay once again came into
prominence, both at the Sanitary
Board and the Legislative Coun-
cil, as a result of which it is to be
trusted that the eyesores will
vanish and some effort made to
emulate the popular holiday re-
sorts at Home and on the Conti-
nent. That much remains to be
done in the way of proper sanita-
tion for the entire Colony was
also revealed at the Sanitary
Board meeting, it being disclosed
that many of the outlying villages
are outside the pale of the law in
public health matters. They
neither know the law nor have
they so far been required to
observe it. A Committee is to be
appointed to examine the problem,
and its report should be of con-
siderable interest when it is com-
piled and laid on the table at the
Sanitary Board meeting. An
eviction on a mild scale has been
carried out at Wong-nai-chong,
where villagers whose forbears
have been there for three cen-
turies have had to find homes else-
where. The Legislative Council
meeting was not exactly note-
worthy, the usual large number
of abstention votes only reveal-
ing the utter uselessness of the
Budget owing to the lack of
confidence to account the ex-

pense of the various spending
Departments. The Hon. Mr.
D. G. M. Bernard took the oath
and his seat in the place of the
Hon. Mr. Holyoak, who has gone
Home on leave. As the outcome
of questions asked on behalf of
the latter gentleman the Govern-
ment intimated its intention to
appoint a Committee of Enquiry
into the Fire Brigade, the per-
sonnel of which will be awaited
with interest. The Government,
however, prefers to leave to pri-
vate enterprise the agricultural
development of the New Terri-
tories, whilst at the same time
placing its officers at the disposal
of anyone concerned in such de-
velopment. The Colony received
the news with regret during the
week of the passing away at
Home of a real Irish gentlewoman
in the person of Lady Blake,
widow of a former Governor of
Hongkong. On St. George's Day
the usual wreath was laid on the
Cenotaph on behalf of the English
people, who celebrated their
Patron Saint's Day with a concert
in the Theatre Royal. Owing to
inclement weather the annual in-
spection of the Police Force was
again postponed, but there was
published a list of awards which
included the King's Police Medal
to Mr. W. G. Gerrard, Assistant
Superintendent of Police; whilst
amongst those who received the
Governor's commendation for val-
uable services were Chief
Inspector Kent and Inspectors
Bond and Pincott. On St.
George's Day the East Surrey
Regiment held a memorable
parade when a set of silver drums
was solemnly blessed, these being
presented to the regiment by the
mother of Second Lieutenant
Walker, who died at Agra in 1895.
The ceremony of presentation of
the drums coincided with the
anniversary of the second battle
of Ypres, in which the East Sur-
reys behaved with great gallantry.
A pleasing incident in connection
with the parade was the presenta-
tion of the Long Service and Good
Conduct Medal to Sergeant
Drummer French. Two Company
meetings were held during the
week and in both was a consider-
able loss shown. The China
Sugar Refinery Company disclosed
a loss on the year of \$1,471,800,
and the Simplex Plaster Company
also experienced a bad year,
mainly due to the depressed trade
of the Colony. In sporting mat-
ters the semi-annual yacht race
for the Trevessa Trophy was
raced on Wednesday, this being
won by the Tjondar, a Dutch-
owned craft. On the same day
the replayed final for the Shield
was played by the football teams
of the East Surreys and the Kow-
loon F.C., the latter emerging
victorious after extra time by
three goals to two.

At Home the great event of the
week has been the birth of a
daughter to H.R.H. the Duchess
of York, the news of which was
conveyed to the King and Queen
at Windsor Castle at the crack
of dawn. The coal crisis
had however engaged the atten-
tion of the Prime Minister the
afternoon engaged the attention
of the House of Commons, the
Government having resulted in a
deadlock. Mr. Bonar Law had
announced that the Mine Depar-

ment has prepared a scheme for
a Government loan to the industry
conditional on its reorganisation
and the closing of uneconomic
pits. A strike is threatened
among the London engineers on
the question of wages, a ballot
being now taken which closes on
May 31. Lord Reading has re-
ceived a great welcome on his
return Home after relinquishing
the post of Viceroy of India, when
His Majesty conferred on him a
Marquise of the United Kingdom.

No question was put and the
motion was carried unanimously.

Other business transacted by the
meeting comprised:—

Re-election of Mr. M. Manuk, the
retiring director—proposed by Mr.
H. A. Jones, seconded by Mr. D. M.
Goodall.

Election of Messrs. Linstead and
Davis, as auditors for the current
year at a fee of \$1,250—proposed
by Mr. H. E. Scriven, seconded by
Mr. A. Stevenson.

The chairman announced that
dividend warrants could be obtained
on application, on Monday, at
the company's office, Royal Build-
ing.

TYPHOON SEASON.

WHERE LOCAL SIGNALS ARE HOISTED.

HONGKONG WARNINGS.

To save needless inquiries dur-
ing the typhoon season, residents
should note the list below.

Which is the typhoon season?—
one may ask. It is very difficult
to lay down any definite period but
a rhyme by local mariners of two
decades ago may not be far out.
It runs:—

June, too soon.

July, stand by.

August, can't trust.

September, bad weather.

October, not over.

November, remember.

The day signals of the local Ob-
servatory's code are displayed at
the following stations:—

Royal Observatory, H.M.S.
"Tamar," Gough Hill; Standard Oil
Co., Lei-Chi-Kok, Harbour Office,
Green Island, Hongkong, and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Kow-
loon, Field Officer's quarters,
Leymen.

The night signals are displayed at
sunset, at the following stations:—

Royal Observatory, Harbour
Office, Railway Station, H.M.S.
"Tamar," Gough Hill, and have the same significance as
the day signals.

A translation of both day and
night signals is displayed at the
General Post Office and at the upper
tram station.

When local signals are displayed
in the harbour, a cone is exhibited
at the following stations:—

Gap Rock, Waglan, Stanley
Aberdeen, Shau-ki-wan, Sai Kung,
Sha-tau-kok, Tai Po.

CHINESE FILMS.

HONGKONG MAN IN CHARGE IN SHANGHAI.

After more than six years of
continuous service in China as
representative of the Universal
Pictures Corporation, the big
American movie producers, Mr.
Norman Westwood, pioneer of
American film men in the Orient,

left Shanghai on the "President
Cleveland" on April 15, for a
six months' combined vacation
and business trip to America.

Mr. Westwood established the
Universal Bureau in Shanghai
and has been in charge ever since.
Its institution, building up a
business that has brought many
thousands of dollars to his em-
ployers, and provided several
million people with high-class
clean entertainment.

While in the United States, Mr.
Westwood will personally view all
the latest Universal super-features
at Universal City, selecting the
best for future presentation in
China, and will confer with Mr.
Carl Laemmle, President of the
organisation. He hopes that Mr.
Laemmle may be persuaded to enter
the production field in China.

Mr. Westwood declares, "I
believe that it has a really bright
future, provided that proper
financing and direction can be
obtained."

During the absence of Mr.
Westwood, the business of the
Universal Pictures Corporation
will be carried on by Mr. M. W.
Stevens, the well-known Hong-
kong movie and amusement man.
He has recently signed a lease
for the Shanghai Cinema.

Mr. W. A. Butterfield, manager
of the British Picture Corporation
on the mainland, will also be
engaged to look after the other
interests of the company.

WINGS CLIPPED.

CONTROL OF "SHYLOCKS" IN BRITAIN.

LENDERS' OBLIGATIONS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.

The House of Commons to-day
passed the second reading of a
private Bill introduced by Major
R. G. L. Glyn (Conservative,
Abingdon) which has for its object
the control of money lenders.

The Bill provides that money
lenders shall have to obtain
licences, which will only be granted
upon the submission of certifi-
cates fulfilling certain qualifica-
tions.

No contract will be binding un-
less it is in writing and is worded
in plain English as distinguished
from legal language, and a copy of
the contract must be supplied to the
borrower.

Forty-eight per cent. is laid
down as the rate of interest for
loans, but this is not intended to
be the maximum, but merely a
general guide to Courts of Law.

Long needed.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, the
Secretary of State for Home Affairs,
announced during the debate that
the Government would give gen-
eral support to the Bill, which it
regarded as a measure that had
long been needed.

THORNY PROBLEM.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

(Reuters' Service.)

Capetown, April 23.

In the Assembly Dr. Malan,
Minister of the Interior, announced
that as a result of conversations
between the Union Cabinet and the
Government of India Deputation,
which recently visited Capetown, a
formula had been agreed on which
would form the basis and determine
the nature of a round-table
conference at which a serious and
honest attempt would be made to
arrive at an effective and amicable
solution of the Indian problem.

The formula insured the co-op-
eration of the two Governments in
exploring all possible methods of
settling the question on the basis
of the maintenance of Western
standards of life by just and legiti-
mate means.

The conference's proposals will
be subject to confirmation by the
South African and Indian Govern-
ments.

In the meantime the proposed
Asian Legislation will not be pro-
ceeded with.

Dr. Malan expressed satisfaction
that the matter had been dealt with
solely concerning South Africa
and India.

OIL DEAL.

REPORT BY STANDARD OIL PRESIDENT.

(Reuters' American Service.)

New York, April 23.

Mr. Walter Teagle, President of
the Standard Oil Company of New
Jersey, arrived on board the Maure-
tanian. He stated that American
oil interests had concluded negotia-
tions in London with the Franco-
British-Dutch group who have the
controlling interest in the Turkish
Petroleum Company for acquiring
an interest in that concern.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1926.

THE CHINA MAIL

COAL CRISIS.

SCHEME FOR GOVERNMENT LOAN.

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.
It is announced that the Mines Department has prepared a scheme for a Government loan to the coal industry conditional on the reorganisation thereof and the closing of uneconomic pits.

BETTER SPIRIT.

Mr. Baldwin Speaks Out.
(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.
Although no definite progress was made at the Prime Minister's Conference this morning with the leaders of the coal owners and the miners, Mr. Baldwin succeeded in introducing a better spirit into the proceedings, and at his suggestion sub-committees of each side were appointed to continue the negotiations.

Mr. Baldwin told the coal owners and the miners that he was there representing neither side, but was representing the country, which was a very much bigger thing than either. Another fact to be remembered was that whether a stoppage occurred or not the parties would have to negotiate at some time, but negotiations after a stoppage were not necessarily faster than before and every one was in a worse pecuniary position.

Tight Knot.

After regretting that a deadlock had been reached Mr. Baldwin called on Mr. Evan Williams to state the reasons for the deadlock from the coal owners' point of view and asked Mr. Herbert Smith to state the reasons from the miners' standpoint.

Having heard their respective statements, the Prime Minister said:

"I think it is quite plain that at the moment you have tied yourselves up into a pretty tight knot. What I have got to try to do is to get that knot untied or cut. Now, from my point of view it is perfectly impossible in an assembly of this size to make any steps toward solving that knot, and I am going to ask each side if they will be good enough to retire and select a small number who will come and talk with me. I should be very glad if those small bodies of representatives would keep themselves at my disposal, and I shall be very glad to begin this afternoon talking to them to see what way there is of getting over the first stile which has presented itself to-day and possibly discuss to such a point that may be necessary for us all to meet again."

Time of Value.

The Prime Minister concluded by reminding the delegates that the subsidy to the coal industry would expire at the end of the month. Time was, therefore, of value.

Sub-committees of the coal owners and miners, each consisting of nine members, met the Prime Minister separately during the afternoon.

FINDING A COMPROMISE.

Question of National Agreement.
(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.
It is understood that Mr. Baldwin during the negotiations with the miners and owners again emphasized that there would be no subsidy; other districts free houses are promised; if the negotiations reach a satisfactory stage by May 1 will be rigidly limited.

The difficulties of finding a compromise between the owners' demand for district wage agreements and the miners' insistence on a national agreement are illustrated by the fact that the miners in some districts receive free coal, and in other districts free houses are provided for married miners.

It is understood that the Prime Minister made certain suggestions to the owners in regard to a national agreement.

It is stated that the owners have returned to their districts with the object of discussing the possibility of resuming negotiations on the basis of a national agreement and a national minimum.

The miners are of opinion that if the owners are prepared to concede the principle of a national minimum, however small, the negotiations could continue on a more hopeful footing.

Well informed quarters are at present pessimistic in view of the announcement that a conference of the Executives of the Trade Unions and the Affiliated Trade Union Congress will be held on April 29, as it is assumed that if the negotiations fail the conference will decide on action to support the miners in the event of a stoppage.

Owners' Guild House.

London, April 23.
There was practically no progress at this morning's confer-

SPAIN GRATEFUL.

BRILLIANT RESCUE BY BRITISH AIRMEN.

KING ALFONSO'S MESSAGE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 23.
King Alfonso of Spain has addressed the following message to the British Air Force:

"His Majesty wishes to convey to all ranks of the British Air Force and other military forces concerned, not only on his own behalf but also on behalf of his people, and particularly of the Spanish Army, an expression of his sincere appreciation of the brilliant and courageous services rendered by them in their successful search for Captain Estevaz and his mechanic in the trans-Jordanian Desert. At the same time His Majesty desires to take this opportunity of expressing his pride in being associated with the British Army as 'Colonel-in-Chief of the 16th/5th Lancers.'

HEROES DECORATED.

King George Accedes to Request.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, April 23.
King Alfonso telegraphed to King George expressing his personal gratitude and the thanks of the Navy, Army, and the whole Spanish nation to the British Air Force in the Near East for their splendid devotion in rescuing Captain Estevaz, and asking permission to give the British airmen a Spanish decoration.

King George replied most cordially acceding to King Alfonso's request.

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63 FLAGS.

UNFURLED AS TRIBUTE TO SHAKESPEARE.

IMPRESSIVE SPECTACLE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rugby, April 23.
The flags of 63 nations were unfurled at Stratford-on-Avon today as a world tribute to Shakespeare. They included the Soviet red flag, which was unfurled by the Counsellor of the Russian headquarters in London.

Three long rows of flags, headed by the Union Jack, made an impressive spectacle as they floated simultaneously to the sound of a trumpet.

CHINA'S FOOD.

NEW SCHEME FOR LOWERING PRICES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 23.
With a view to lowering the rising prices of foodstuffs and provide relief to war sufferers in Peking, Tientsin and surrounding districts, a plan to purchase and transport to these places cereals to the value approximately of \$10,000,000 is being worked out by General Chang Yim, Kwai, ex-Managing Director of the Peking-Mukden Railway, who is an influential Mukden leader.

Chang Hsueh-Hang fully approves and is supporting the plan.

Chang Yin-kwai intends to call a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and lay plans before them. The tentative scheme follows: The Mukden authorities are to entrust the purchase of cereals at Mukden to the Chamber, and the distribution of the grain to the Peking Chamber and other organisations.

The grain will be sold at lower than current market prices, under the supervision of the local authorities.

Chang intends to secure its transportation with the rolling stock which various persons are at present holding for non-commercial purposes, thus not interfering with the commercial traffic which is still at the lowest.

The Fengtien leaders emphasise that the military parties will not handle the money, their object being merely to force down the price.

COLD SHOWER.

GERMAN NATIONALIST PRESS SENSIITIVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, April 23.
The Nationalists have been lashed into fury by a statement by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons on April 21, regarding the evacuation of the Rhineland. Sir Austen in reply to a question referred to the declaration signed in June, 1919, by President Wilson, M. Clemenceau and Mr. Lloyd George (that if, before the expiration of fifteen years, Germany gives proofs of goodwill and complies with the Treaty of Versailles, the Allies agree to an earlier termination of the period of occupation).

This was the declaration of the then intentions of the three Governments concerned, and not a declaration against which the German Government was entitled to appeal. The Foreign Secretary did not want to press further, but considered the moment inopportune.

The German Nationalist organs see here further proof of the "complete futility of the Locarno Conference."

Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech is described as "cynical," "another blow"; and a "cold shower."

SOUTH AFRICA.

PROSPECTS OF TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cape Town, April 23.
In the Assembly, in reply to questions, General Hertzog (Prime Minister) disclaimed all knowledge of the movements of Mr. L.W. Schlesinger, the South African financier, who recently went to Europe and reported he intended to visit Russia and open commercial negotiations with the Soviets.

Subsequently, Colonel Creswell, Minister of Defence, stated the Cabinet had decided that any citizen who negotiated with the prospect of opening up new markets should have the Government's good will. General Hertzog added that in regards Russia he saw no objection to the establishment of business connections on a proper and friendly footing with South Africa.

SHORT TIME.

COTTON MILLS TO CLOSE FOR A WEEK.

150,000 MEN AFFECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.
The Short Time Organisation Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Association in Manchester has decided strongly to recommend that the mills in the American section of the Lancashire yarns industry close for a full week beginning on May 3. This decision affects two-thirds of the spinning trade and 150,000 operatives.

WAR DEBTS.

NEW FRENCH OFFER TO AMERICA.

FOUR MILLIARD DOLLARS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, April 23.
The French Ambassador, M. Henri Berenger, in appearing before the Debt Funding Commission, submitted a new French offer of a settlement of the war debt of four milliard dollars.

"SAVE THE FRANC."

STATEMENT BY FINANCE MINISTER.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, April 23.
In the Chamber, M. Raoul Peret declared the franc was attacked on many foreign markets for various reasons, either to sustain Italian and Belgian money, or with a view to delay the settling of inter-Allied debts, but France should not yield to too pressing injunctions and sacrifice her interests.

Yesterday's recovery of the franc was not due to Government intervention, but to the normal phenomenon of the market becoming easier on reports of the good progress of the Franco-American debt negotiations, and Budget equilibrium.

Another Donation.

Paris, April 23.
The Maharajah of Baroda has sent 100,000 francs for the amortisation fund.

Sir Basil Zaharoff has subscribed a million francs to the "Save the Franc" Fund.



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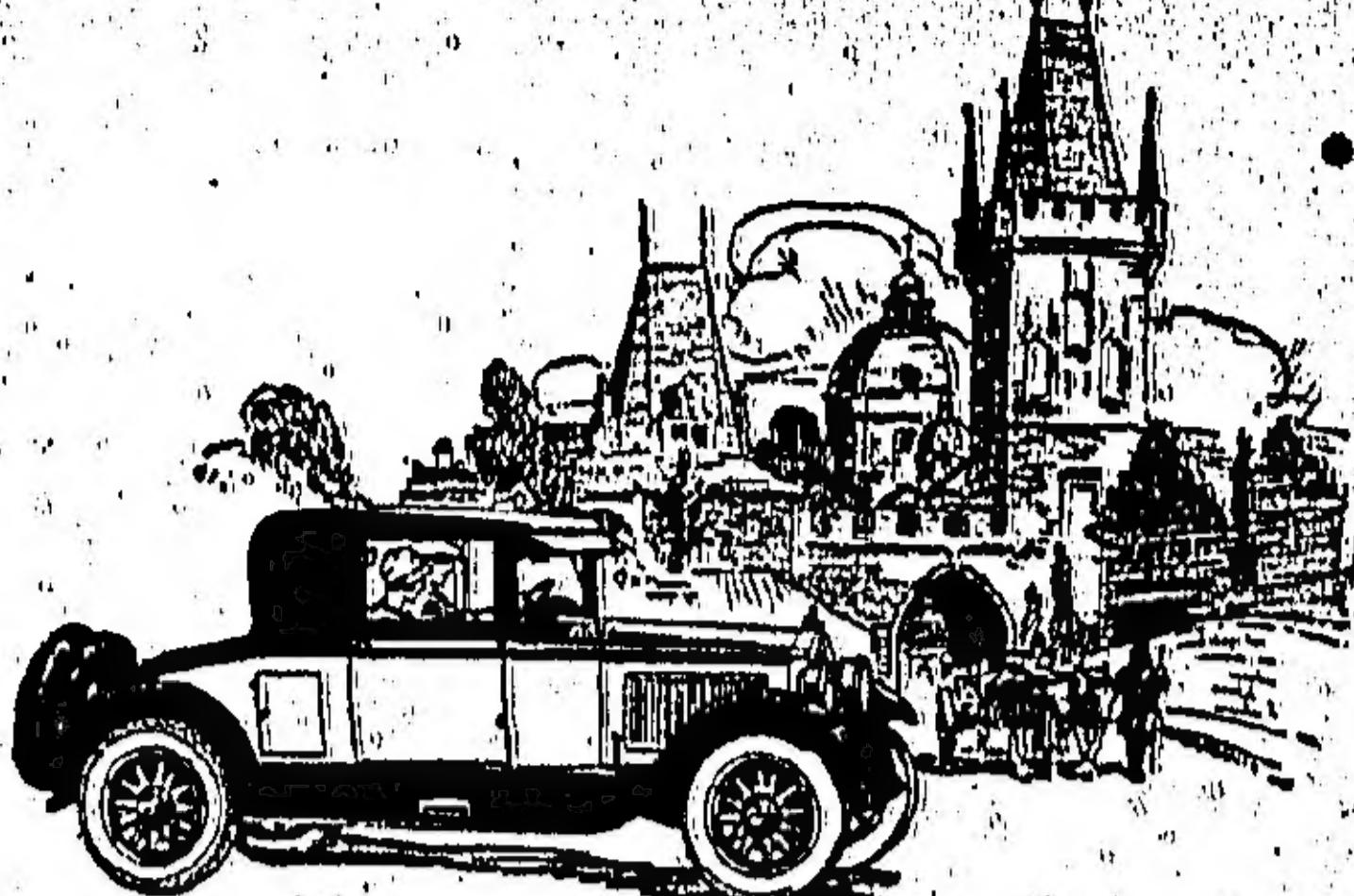
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The Colony had another
"clean" health return on Thursday.

In a recent football competition 6,484 people gave a correct solution. The prize was divided among the successful competitors, each receiving 8d.

For the preservation of the ancient Roman Amphitheatre of Ferentino, Italy, Captain Alexander Hardcastle, an Englishman, has given 25,000 lire.

The Amateur Dramatic Society of Selangor announce their production of Sir James Barrie's play "The Admirable Crichton" for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 26, 27, and 28.

Women and girls in the West Ham Guardians' Central Home detained under the provisions of the Lunacy Act are to be allowed to attend the local cinema once a week, at the expense of the Guardians.

A new set of Egyptian stamps has been issued in commemoration of the agricultural and Industrial Exhibition which is now being held in Cairo. The stamps are on sale for two months only, and the issue is a restricted one, so that they will be much sought after by collectors. Another commemorative set of stamps has been issued in Austria. It is known as the "Nibelungen" commemorative set, and consists of six values—8, 16, 20, 24, and 40 groschen.

On the last outward voyage of the P. and O. "Kashgar," Captain Williams allowed sealed collecting boxes to be placed aboard the ship for the benefit of the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund. The boxes remained sealed until the return of the ship to London, when they were handed over to the Appeal Department of the British Legion, which has now written to the P. and O. Company stating that the amount subscribed by the "Kashgar" was £27 2s. 9d., and asking that Earl Haig's grateful thanks be conveyed to the Commander of the ship and all concerned in this splendid subscription.

The complete returns now issued by the Department of Commerce, Irish Free State, at Dublin, show a substantial decline in the number of cattle shipped from all ports in the Free State to cross-channel British ports during the past year. The total number shipped was 893,788, compared with 943,908 in 1924, a drop of 255,000, which represents a large decline in revenue to the various shipping companies engaged in the Irish cross-channel cattle transit. There was also a heavy decline in the number of sheep carried and horses and pigs.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. S. J. Jordain, secretary of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., went on home leave yesterday by the "City of Valencia." Mr. A. W. Brown is acting secretary. Mr. Jordain has been a keen ruggerite.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hearn and their two children, Mrs. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. Fitzgerald are passengers on the s.s. "Change" which left Hongkong for Australian ports via Manila.

The Rev. Frederick Hastings of Eastbourne, who is 87, is about to start alone on a cycling tour to Venice via Havre. He used to cycle 60 miles a day, but he says his doctor has ordered him to cut it down to about 30. Recently Mr. Hastings completed a painted panel, 5ft. by 6ft., for his church.

Mr. W. L. Marshall, general manager of the Standard Oil Company offices of Manila, will leave for the United States in the early part of May. He has been transferred. He will be succeeded by Mr. Basil G. Butler, assistant general manager. During his stay in the Philippines, he has been popular with all and his services have been highly successful.

A large gathering, including Sir George and Lady Maxwell and the Hon. Mr. W. H. Thomson, British Resident, Selangor, was present at the farewell function given at the Chinese Maternity Hospital, Kuala Lumpur, by the Chinese Maternity Association to Dr. Bernard Day, who is shortly retiring from Malaya after thirteen years' service as a private practitioner, and during that time has been the only full surgeon of the Chinese Maternity Hospital.

There will be many throughout Malaya who will learn with much regret of the death which occurred suddenly in London following an operation of Major Trevor Coleridge Spring, D.S.O., of the Hampshire Regiment, says the "Straits Times." Major Spring spent some considerable time in the Colony as a staff officer and was a very well-known and popular officer. As a captain he enlisted and was a member of the Colony team in 1922. Major Coleridge Spring was the son of the Rev. E. S. Spring, rector of Alton, Northamptonshire, and was 44 years of age. He left Singapore for England in 1924.

Melbourne High Court have decided that the Y.M.C.A. is a religious institution exempt from income tax."

Mr. Robb, Canadian Minister of Finance, has given taxation statistics per head: Canada, 66 dollars 11 cents; Australia, 69.63; Great Britain, 97.12; United States, 57.39, says Reuter.

The German survey ship "Meteor," which has returned to Table Bay from the Southern Ocean, reports that Thompson Island (marked on British atlases at 80 miles north-east of Bouvet Island) has disappeared.

About a hundred "establishment" men and their families are leaving Pembroke Dock for other dockyards, and by the end of the month only a care-and-maintenance party of sixty men will be employed at Pembroke. The town is in a serious plight and already more than a thousand men are on the unemployment register.

A contract of an estimated value of approximately £250,000 for 2,000 coal wagons, required by the Carlton Main Colliery Co. of Barnsley, and the Lay Main Coal Co., of Cressford, near Wrexham, has been placed with Messrs. Charles Roberts and Co., Ltd., of Horbury Junction, near Wakefield (says "Modern Transport").

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Benjamin Rodrigues, of Singapore, only twelve years of age, has been awarded by Trinity College an exhibition for his work in music. This is the first award of the kind to a Singaporean.

The dance organised by the officers and men of H.M.S. "Ambrose" in the Town Hall, Penang, was a great success. The sailors augmented the orchestra with an excellent string combination of their own and a jolly time was spent by all.

The Queen's Theatre Gaumont Graphic shows the return of Alan Cobham from his 16,000 miles flight. Mr. Cobham modestly denies that he has performed a daring flight. "It was all a matter of organisation and tenacity of purpose—in fact, it was just an everyday affair," he says.

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A very pleasant Japanese dinner has been held in honour of Capt. D. H. James, who is shortly leaving Japan. Mr. Kurose, the Mayor of Kobe made a farewell speech in Japanese to which Capt. James replied: "One or two foreign members of the Recreation Ground Upkeep Committee were present, together with Japanese officials from the Kendo."

John Parry, the author of several books on mining, was born in Aberdeen ten years ago and will be 100 on his next birthday. He is a retired coal-miner from South Wales, a former mine manager, and the author of a number of books on mining, and the first edition of

For smuggling silk goods, a watch and camera, British Oxino, a Japanese, was fined \$30 at Dover.

Conrad Bureau estimates indicate that the population of the United States on August 1, will be more than 117,000,000.

Sugar amounting to 84,027 tons was produced at the four factories in Kelham, Cantiay, Elv, and Ipswich, in the year 1925-26.

News has been received in Germany that two brothers, tramway employees in the Ruhr zone, have been left \$250,000 by a relative who has just died in America.

An unclaimed envelope containing diamonds valued at £1,500 has been found in the safe deposit of the Kimberley branch of the Standard Bank. The envelope was deposited 40 years ago by a man named C. R. Cowie. Unless it has been claimed by April 6, the diamonds will be sold.

Hull Corporation Committee for the Care of the Blind has approved of weekly allowances to 200 indigent blind, at an annual cost of £5,800. The income of each blind person under the scheme has been brought up to £5 per week. An appeal was made to the public to discourage begging, and the chairman said if any cases were brought to their notice they would be dealt with severely.

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"I am hoping that, like Lady Godiva, you are drawing near to your 'close,'"—Judge Parfitt, at Clerkenwell County Court.

A painting of W.G. Grace has been presented to the National Portrait Gallery by the MCC.

The Prince of Wales has promised to preside at a National Savings Movement demonstration at the Albert Hall on May 14.

The Japanese Government has decided to appoint Mr. Kawatani Kozaemon, the Harbin Manager of the Mitsui Busan Kaisha, as Japanese Trade Commissioner to Soviet Russia. Formal announcement is shortly expected.

The representatives of the various factions within the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce met on the 31st ultimo, when they agreed to recommend Baron Sakatani, a member of the Upper House, who was formerly Mayor of Tokyo, to the Presidency of the institution.

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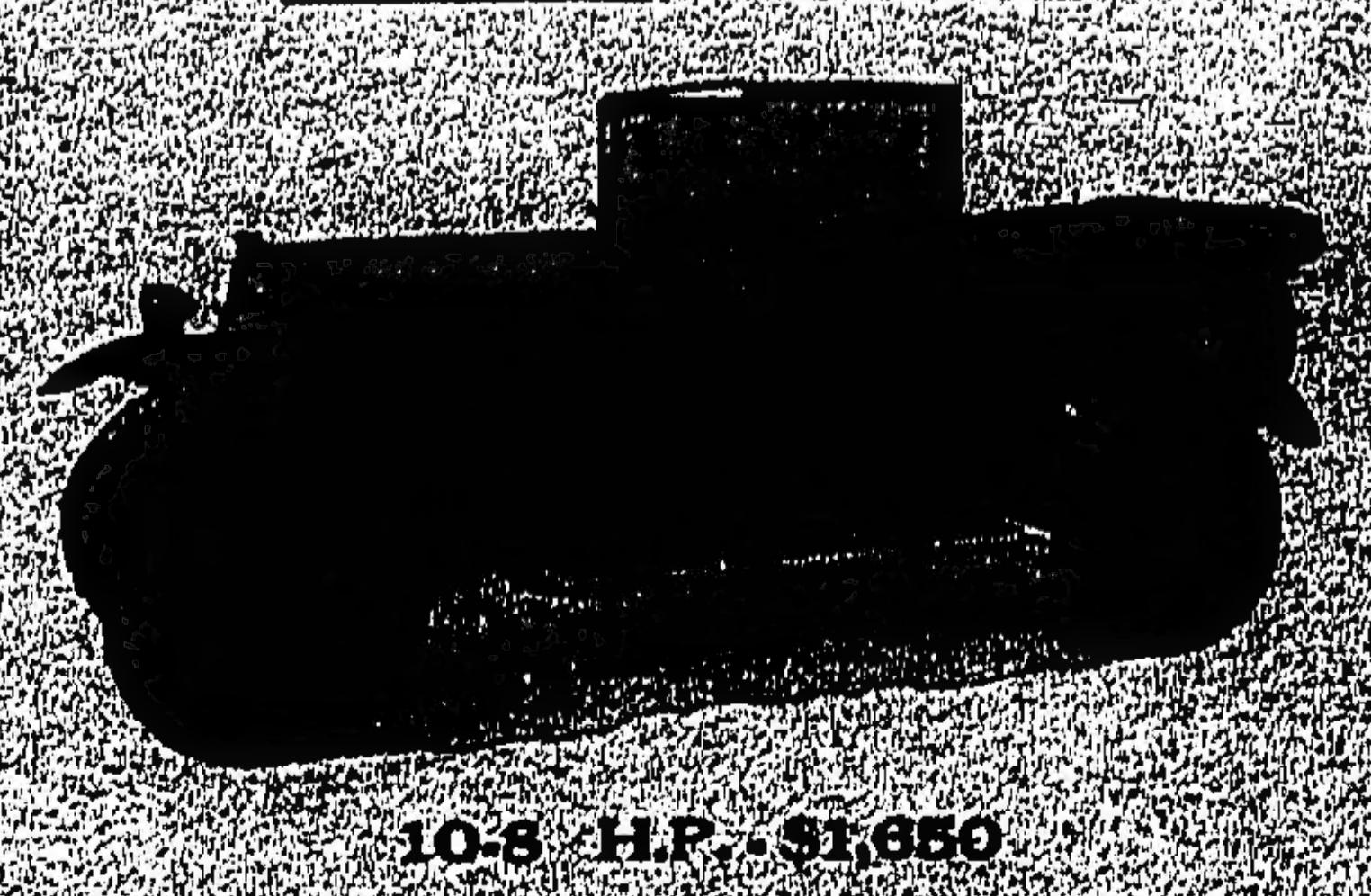
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AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF SURVEY.

ANGLO-AMERICAN'S WIN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 23.
The Anglo-American, Douglas Grant, won the Survey amateur golf championship at Sunningdale by defeating Roger Wethered in the semi-final by 6 and 4; and Major Thorburn in the final at the nineteenth hole.

PRINCE GEORGE.

ENTHUSIASM IN ATHLETICS.

Prince George, the King's youngest son, is a typical sailor and enters into every phase of the sailor's life with enthusiasm. He is the best of the three Princes in athletic field events. The Prince of Wales can more than hold his own at rackets, while the Duke of York has specialised at lawn tennis, at which he is no mean exponent.

At college, however, Prince George was always keen on running and jumping, and won a number of events. It is typical of the sportsman's spirit of H.R.H. that he did not become disheartened when he found himself up against sterner stuff on joining the Fleet, and has frequently foiled the line in the shorter distances. He ran in some sports arranged by the Fleet in the East, coming in sixth, not disgraced.

The hundred and two hundred yards are his favourite distance, but he can also put up quite a good performance over the hurdles.

He is the only one of the three brothers, who has done much at cricket, his special forte being the bat, says the London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon."

HOME ARMY SOCCER.

London, April 10.
The final of the Army Cup was played at Aikenshot to-day between the 2nd Staffordshire Regiment and the 2nd Leicestershire Regt., the former winning by three goals to one.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

GOVERNOR ATTENDS EXCELLENT CONCERT.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi, members of Government House staff, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock and prominent officials of the St. George's Society of Hongkong were present at the concert arranged in the City Hall last night in connection with the local observance of St. George's Day.

The theatre was decorated with red and white streamers, the coats of arms of the various cities of England being on the walls surrounding the dress circle. At the back of the stage was a large picture of St. George.

The playing of the East Surrey's Band was magnificent and the hymns rendered by the artistes were very well received.

The programme was as follows:

March, "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar; the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment, Tenor Solo, "The English Rose," F. German (from, "Meric England"); Mr. H. E. Gardner.

Mezzo-Soprano Solo, ("Passing by," Purcell (1689-1740); "Long long ago," Bayly (1737-1829); Mrs. R. Sanger.

Bass Solo, "The Crown of the year," Easthope Martin, Mr. R. A. Green.

Soprano Solo, "Langley Fair," Easthope Martin, Mrs. L. F. Davis.

Selection, "The Yeoman of the Guard," Sullivan, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment.

Selection, "Reminiscences of England," Godfrey, the Band of the 1st Batt'n. East Surrey Regiment.

Baritone Solo, "The Fishermen of England," Phillips, Mr. L. E. Hopkins.

Contralto Solo, "Land of Hope and Glory," Elgar, Mrs. G. Watt.

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"Between The Soup And The Savoury."

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BOXER'S DEATH.

CLEVER SENCIO'S LAST FIGHT.

"PANCHO VILLA II."

Milwaukee, April 20.
Clever Sencio (the flyweight boxer) collapsed after his fight with Bud Taylor. He died on the way to the hospital. The hospital officials refused to issue a statement pending action by the authorities.

Milwaukee, April 19.
Bud Taylor of Terre Haute tonight won from Clever Sencio of Manila, capturing the honours in the tenth round after Sencio had held him even for nine rounds.

Sencio was one of the cleverest Filipino boxers that ever left the Philippines in search of laurels. By the Filipino nation, he was looked upon as a second Pancho Villa, and the hopes of the Philippines for another world's champion, rested on him. He left the Philippines July 29 of last year.

During his short stay in the States, Sencio endeared himself to followers of theistic game by his cleverness, gameness and ability. He was proclaimed by many American sport writers as the next flyweight champion of the world.

Sencio blazed his way through the rank of American flyweights in such decisive manner a short time after his arrival in the States, that he was matched twice with Fidel La Barba, the flying champion. Although defeated on both occasions, he was still pointed out as the boxer who would dethrone La Barba.

Recently the California State Boxing Commission decided that Clever Sencio, Newsboy Brown and Frankie Garro, the ex champion, should meet in a series of elimination bouts to decide the opponent for Fidel La Barba.

Just how it came about that he was permitted to engage in a bout with Bud Taylor, who is considered the uncrowned bantam king and a terrific puncher, is not known.

Taylor had height, reach, weight, ability... in fact, everything but "fighting heart" over Sencio.

The sudden news of Sencio's death is a great blow not only to the Filipino nation, but to the American and other foreign followers of the game, who knew and admired him, says the "Philippines Herald."

His death is similar in many ways to that of Pancho Villa, who died in hospital shortly after his fight with Jimmy McLarin.

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The final of the Army Cup was played at Aikenshot to-day between the 2nd Staffordshire Regiment and the 2nd Leicestershire Regt., the former winning by three goals to one.

Before the interval, Mr. W. A. Dowley, the President of the Society, addressing the audience said:—"Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, I should like to thank you for coming here, and I would also thank the ladies and gentlemen who have so kindly assisted us on and off the stage. (Applause.)

Telegrams.

Mr. Dowley then read the following messages:

Received from London:—"Observance of England's Day more extended than ever. The King and Queen attended a special service at Windsor, dining with the Duke of Marlborough in the Chair. The Duke of Wellington and Lord Allenby also attended. Fraternal wishes. Ruff, Royal Society St. George."—London.

From London:—"Heartily Greetings. Hope join you November."—Harston.

From Shanghai:—"Heartiest greetings from Shanghai."—Clegg, President.

From Tientsin:—"Heartiest greetings."—Turner, President.

From Kobe:—"Heartiest greetings from Kobe."—Conson, President.

From Singapore:—"For St. George's Society, Fraternal Greetings. England's day from all Malayan branches."—Pec, President.

From Canton:—"Canton St. George's Society sends greetings."—Pearson, President.

From Hankow:—"St. George's Society, Hongkong, Heartiest Greetings."—Goffe, President.

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CROSS-COUNTRY.

ENGLAND'S SECOND AT BRUSSELS.

INDIVIDUAL WINNER.

(via Colombo.)

Brussels, March 28.

The international cross-country championship over eight miles resulted as follows:

France 1
England 2
Scotland 3
Ireland 4
Wales 5
Belgium 6

Harper, of England, finished first, taking 44 mins., 17 2/5 secs.

"WHITE WINGS."

MANILA SUGGESTS YACHT CLUB.

WHAT IS NECESSARY.

Manila, April 15.

Manila may have a yachting club, should plans of prominent local businessmen and sportsmen develop. J. C. Rockwell, vice-president of the Manila Electric Company, is the originator of the idea. He stated that many local sportsmen are interested in the plan and favour the idea, (re-

marks the "Manila Bulletin.")

The construction of a basin for the anchorage of the boats, construction of a club and boat house and other incidentals, would be necessary. This would require financial backing, and it is believed that sufficient funds would be subscribed by those interested.

BOXING MATCH.

(Associated Press)

New York, April 7.

Georges Carpentier, champion of France, and Eddie Hoffman of California were matched to-day for a ten round bout at Madison Square Garden, May 31.

It is again stated that Jack Dempsey, the world's heavyweight champion, has agreed to fight the Negro, Harry Wills, this time on Labour Day, says the "Daily Mail." Last March

Dempsey was suspended by the New York Boxing Commission for his failure to accept Wills's challenge.

"DELIBERATE LIE."

JUDGE CENSURES WING ON WITNESS.

"LUCKY ESCAPE."

The next hearing of the alleged fraud on the Wing On Bank will be on Monday when expert evidence will be given by Prof. Shellshar, of the Hongkong University.

Before the assistant cashier who had admitted previous false evidence yesterday left the witness box, he was severely reprimanded by His Lordship. His Lordship said that he had told a shameless lie at the Magistracy. He had thought the matter over, and had at first thought of having him prosecuted for perjury.

There were, however, some technical difficulties in the way of a conviction, and he, therefore, would not order a prosecution.

He admonished witness to be careful next time he proposed to give evidence, since he might not be so lucky in escaping. It was perhaps sufficient punishment for that he was on his own confession, a deliberate and shameless liar.

Mr. Zeitlyn again opened the question with regard to the production of the books.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that both the defence and the prosecution had been informed that they could have free access to the books. He referred His Lordship to the depositions taken at the Magistracy.

Mr. Zeitlyn said that it was the first he had heard of it. Only the day before had he received the proofs.

His Lordship perused the depositions and said that it was stated that all parties could have access to the books. He considered it a serious thing, since the defence alleged that they had not had access to them. The allegation was unfair.

Certain books were handed over to Mr. d'Almada. His Lordship intimating that he would be held responsible for their safe custody.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

BRUTAL ATTACK.

ON COL. HAYLEY BELL IN CANTON.

PICKETS' MISCHIEF?

Colonel Hayley Bell, who is the Commissioner of the Chinese Maritime Customs at Canton, was the victim of a brutal attack on Thursday, in Canton city, just outside the French concession at Shamneen, shortly after mid-day.

With nothing more than a raincoat on his arm, Colonel Hayley Bell was about to cross the gate leading to the French bridge which connects Shamneen with the Canton Bund.

It appears that a ruffian, who is suspected to have been or was connected with the boycott pickets, insisted on holding up the Commissioner to search.

A discussion ensued, leading to the man assaulting the Colonel. Other men, armed with bamboo poles, and similar weapons, joined in the attack, one felling the Colonel to the ground with a blow from a pole which caused the blood to flow from the Colonel's head. While on the ground, the Colonel was still beaten, the while defending himself as best he could against overwhelming odds.

Mr. A. Pereira, who was in Shamneen, saw the incident and ran to the Colonel's aid, dragging him to safety, in the concession.

Dr. Reynolds then attended Colonel Hayley Bell whose condition, at the time of the report, did not give much cause for anxiety.

Up till this morning, the Hongkong office of the Chinese Maritime Customs, for Kowloon and district, had received no official communication on the year compared with those for the preceding two years are:

1923. 1924. 1925.
(1) 84,325 50,424 28,479
(2) 180,401 125,408 73,464
(3) 22,385 22,532 9,277

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1923. 1924. 1925.
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(2) 180,401 125,408 73,464
(3) 22,385 22,532 9,277

The only instances in the list

of cotton goods in which increased import is shown for the whole

year are: Lastings, 10,026 pieces

in 1925, compared with 8,105 in

1924 and 1,831 in 1923. (The im-

port of Lastings for the final

quarter of last year was 8,355

pieces; Sixteen Drills (5 shaft)

23,699 pieces in 1925, 3,679 in

1924 and 2,274 in 1923. In the

last quarter of 1925, 23,455

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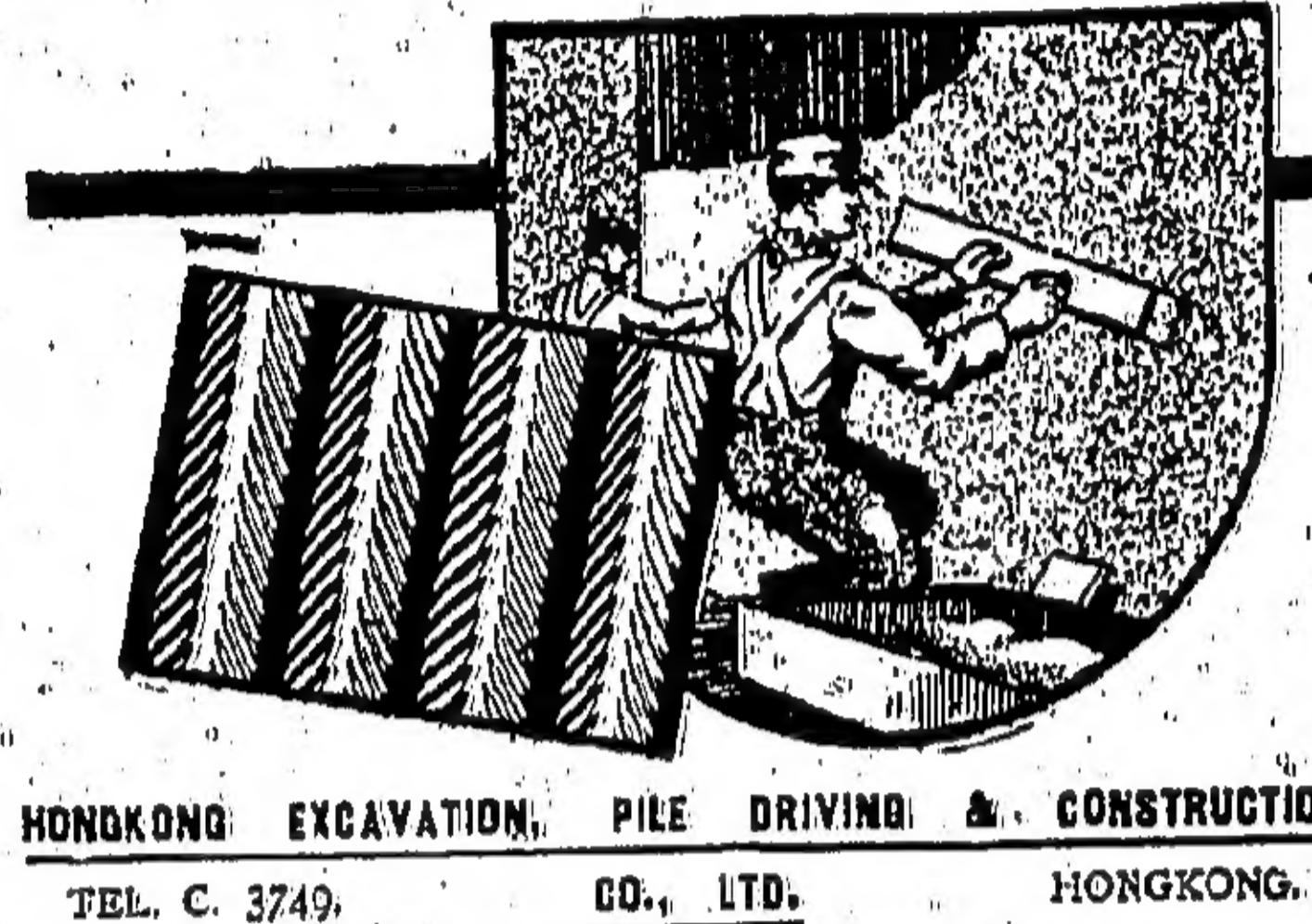
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A HAPPY SCENE.



Snapshot taken after a christening at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On the right is Mr. A. B. Allan (of the Royal Naval Yard), who was godfather to the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lockhart. Mrs. S. Alderman is holding the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans, for whom she was godmother.

OUR TREBLE INTERPORT VICTORY.



Hongkong sent up a team to Amoy during the Easter holidays and secured a treble victory at hockey, and soccer. Hongkong won the first hockey match by 6 goals to 2, and the second by 9-3. Then the soccer match was won by 3 goals to 1. The Hongkong team had nine men, namely:—A. S. Hett (hockey captain), D. Lyon (soccer captain), Lt. Smith, R.A., Lt. Jacobs-Larkeon, R.E., Captain Haigh, R.A.S.C., T. J. Price, S. H. Garrod, W. Gerard and J. Wedlake. The two shortages were made up on the spot. The group photo above shows the two teams, outside the Amoy Club, at Kulangsu (the settlement).

SURREY'S WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on April 14 after the wedding, by the Rev. Mr. Stopford, C.F., of Sergeant Ronald Thomas Patsey Hicks, 1/Enst. Surrey Regt., and Miss Phyllis Mary Storey.

TUESDAY'S WEDDING.



Photo by A. Fong.

An attractive group taken outside St. John's Cathedral on Tuesday, after the wedding of Mr. S. B. Tan of Singapore and Miss Elizabeth Iu-stein Wong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wong, of Kowloon. The Misses Beatrice Lam, Estelle Moyes and Josephine Wong were bridesmaids; Masters Stephen and Enoch Wong were page boys and Mr. Y. K. Wong was "best man."

JEU-LAW WEDDING.



Photo by Ying Ming.

This photo was taken last Saturday after the wedding at the Rhenish Mission (Bonham Road) when the contracting parties were Mr. Jeu Tien-liang (Duncan Jeu), son of Dr. and Mrs. Jeu Hawk of Hongkong, and Miss Law Yuet-sin. Miss Law Yuet-yung was bridesmaid; Miss Wong Fung-sin, flower girl.

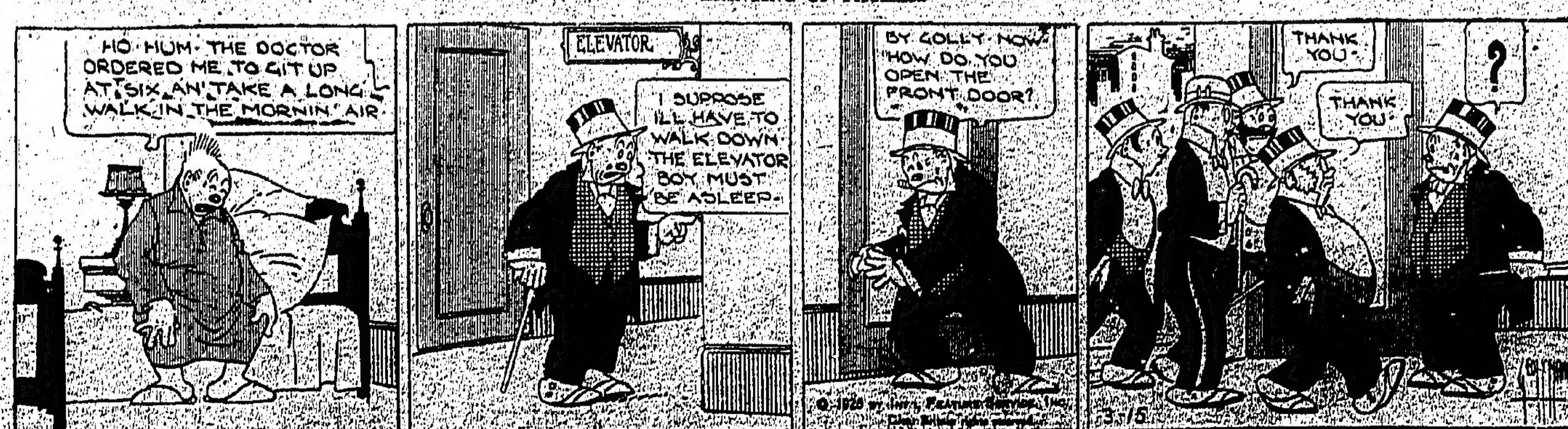
CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



Photo by Lee Fong.

Part of the retinue of twenty-six at last Saturday's Cathedral wedding when Dr. S. F. Tan and Miss Rose Lau were married. This photo was taken outside No. 54, Robinson Road, where the reception was held. The ladies in the group are the Misses Ida H. K. Lau, M. L. Sun, M. K. Sun, Marion Sun, Frances Lau, Irene To, T. K. Wu, W. S. Shu, Mrs. T. H. Chen, Mrs. H. L. Yang, Mrs. C. C. Yung.

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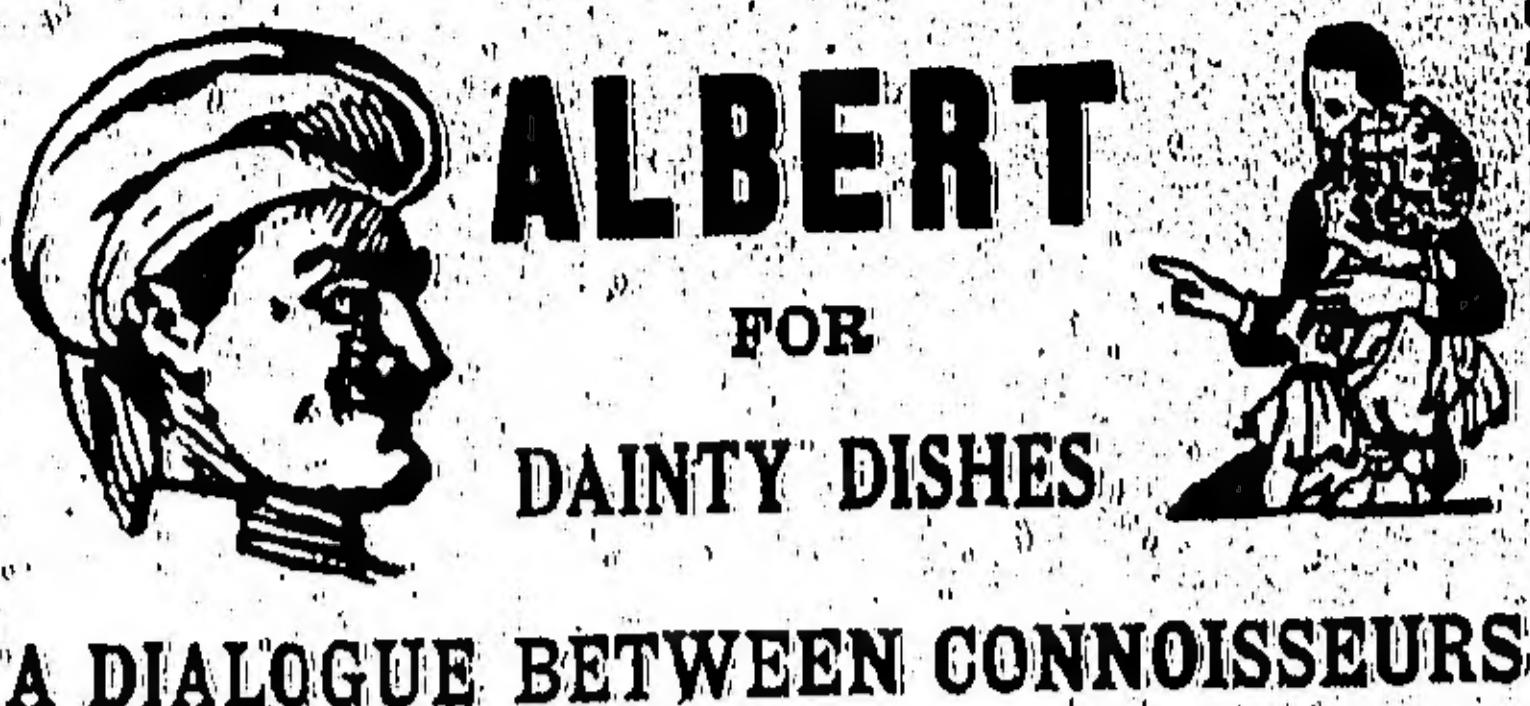


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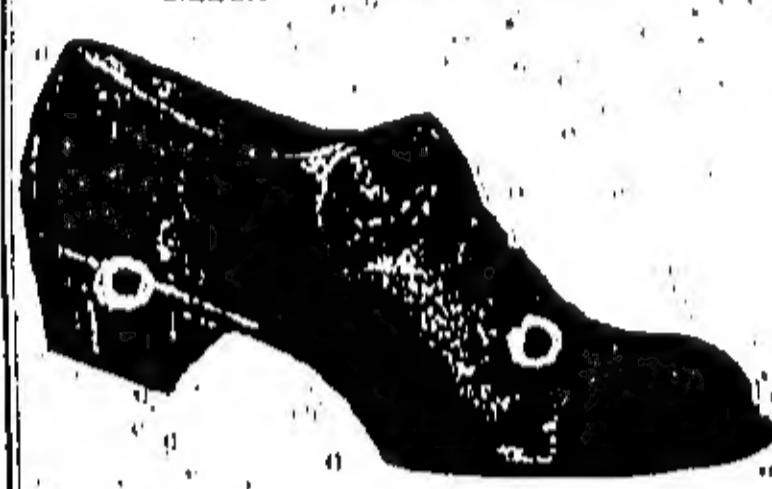
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TSAO KUN.

PRESIDENT WHO BOUGHT HIS POST

The release of ex-President Tsao Kun, who has been in prison at Peking since October, 1924, is one of the startling developments of the northern military situation which has resulted in Marshal Wu Pei-fu again acquiring ascendancy.

Tsao Kun was a member of the Chihli Party, of which Wu Pei-fu is the military genius. A Chihli man by birth, he graduated from the Peiyang military school, and in 1920 he assisted Marshal Chang Tso-lin to smash up the Anfu club. After that he became Super-Tuchen of Chihli, Shantung, and Honan, and on October 1, 1924, he was elected to the Presidency of the Republic in one of the most corrupt elections ever held in China.

Not being very popular, although he enjoyed the co-partnership of Wu Pei-fu, Tsao Kun bought his way to the Presidential chair and men who voted for him did so at the rate of \$5,000 a vote. He was reported at the time to have spent \$10,000,000 to attain the Presidency. One of the first moves of General Feng Yu-hsiang, after the coup d'état which gave him control of Peking in the fighting of autumn, 1924, was to imprison Tsao Kun in an obscure palace inside the Forbidden City.

The release of Tsao Kun, says the "Shanghai Times," means the triumph of Marshal Wu Pei-fu, who, foreign political prognosticators said, would certainly stage a "come-back" as he is too big a man to hold down.

LIBEL BY WIRELESS.

FIRST SUIT IN AMERICA.

The first radio libel case in America is being started here in Chicago.

While listening-in at his home, the Illinois State Attorney, Mr. Crowe, was amazed to hear a wireless announcer from the Moulin Rouge Cabaret declare that Mr. Crowe was amongst the guests of the cabaret, enjoying the music and the companionship of the lady guests.

Mr. Crowe immediately sent out instructions to the police authorities, and a squad of detectives within five minutes had raided the cabaret and made five arrests. The State Attorney announces that he is filing a libel suit against the announcer and the cabaret authorities.

It is probable that Mr. Crowe will not find any statute in the American legal records defining radio libel.

There is, however, a law pending before the United States Congress enabling a libel action to be started for radio misstatements and defamation of character. Until that law is passed, even the State Attorney will have little chance of success in an action for libel by wireless.

JUMBO'S SPIRITS. FIRE IN MENAGERIE.

BUDDHIST MASS SAID IN TOKYO.

Tokyo, April 7. Buddhist mass for the spirits of all the elephants which have supplied ivory for ivory carving in Japan will be said at the Gokoku Temple in Otown, Koishikawa, on April 15, under the auspices of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association and the Association of Artists in Ivory Carving.

The occasion also will be marked with the dedication of a large monument in the compound of the temple for the spirits of these elephants. The mass will begin at 10 o'clock in the morning, and is expected to draw a crowd of 10,000 dealers in ivory objects and guests. Fifteen priests of the Gokoku temple will begin the programme with the reading of Buddhist prayers.

"We feel that we are greatly indebted to elephants, which have been furnishing the materials for us to carry on our business," said Mr. Kakichi Ikeda, president of the Tokyo Ivory Art Objects Dealers' Association.

"We who obtain our living from this ivory cannot help feeling grateful to the elephants, which have been furnishing materials for us to work with. It is for this reason that we are going to comfort the spirits of the elephants by holding a mass for them."

"The members of our organisation have been wishing to undertake such a matter for a long time. We think we also do honour and comfort the spirits of our ancestors who were likewise in the ivory trade. When the monument is erected for the spirits of the elephants, we wish all artists and dealers in ivory objects in the country would make pilgrimages to the shrine when they come to Tokyo,"— "Shanghai Times."

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"Show teeth!" This is the latest medical inspection order in the Army, and when these words are uttered by dentists the teeth of thousands of soldiers will be examined at Aldershot. Men in every unit in the command will undergo a thorough examination of their teeth.

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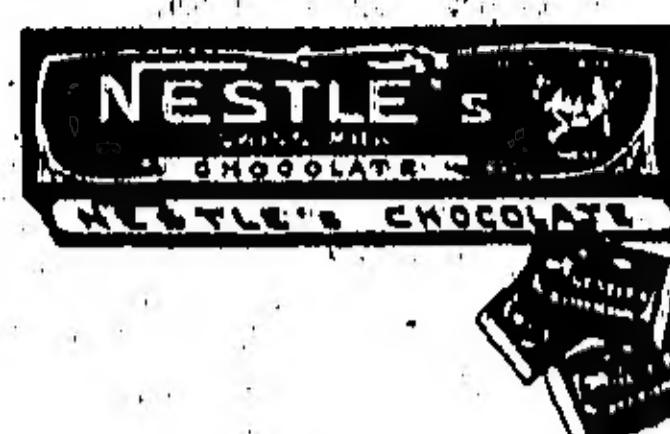
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